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Previous references.

Geol 32-17 (1-5)
32-17 (6)
41-17 (1-8)
108-16 (1-8, 10-11)
Later references. 100-18 (1-2)
Ind 20-20 (12)

1918-19 (Geol)

File No. [redacted]

Serial Nos. 1-8

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1–8

Part B for December 1919

SUBJECT.

claim of Mr. Louis Hennessy for compensation in connection with the discovery of graphite in the Bowringpet Taluk.

Letter dy 16-6-19 from Mr. Hennessy, Requests that he maybe granted compensation for having shown the graphite deposit found by him & for which licence applied for by him not have been granted to him earlier

G 13201-4/dy 8-12-19 To The Director of Geology
The Entomologist
The Secretary Ceramic Conference
The Chief Inspector of Mines
Stating that a sum of Rs 2000/- granted to Mr. Hennessy as a reward maybe paid to him if he is indicated.

W D 1250—GPB—30,000 28-1-19

(For disposal at a meeting)

No. C. 64

22/7/1919

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Council Matter.

SUBJECT.

(Clause xii of the Schedule)

Claim of Mr. Louis Stromeyer for compensation in connection with his discovery of graphite in the Bowringpet Taluk.

CIRCULATED TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

By Order,

C S Balasundaram Jr
Chief *Secretary to Government.*

26th July 1919.

Extraordinary Member of Council.

First Member of Council. seen.

Second Member of Council.

Third Member of Council.

GPB—1,000—28-8-14

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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NOTES.

File No. 120-18

FILE HEADING.

Compensation claimed by Mr Louis Stromeyer in connection with graphite deposit found by him.

From

Mr Louis Stromeyer, Coromandel P.O K.O.7

No. Lilly Dated 16-6-19 Received 19-6-19

Diary No. 2078.	Enclos.	Spare Copies.	Serial No.

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Requests for reasons stated that he may be granted a compensation of Rs 4500 for having given to the Geological Dept the graphite deposit discovered by him in the Soonieyput Taluk & for not granting earlier the licenses for graphite applied for by him over the area in question

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Chief Secretary. May be sent to Dr Russell for favour of remarks.

(Intl) A.R.B. 18-6-19.

2 Minor departments

(Intl) C.S.C. 18-6-19.

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File No. 120 of 1918-19

Serial No.

3 Submitted with a draft
H.H.S. 19-6-19

4 Issue
S.M.A.
21.6.19

2 To

The Director Dept. of ..... & Geol
G. 28399 of 23.6.1919
Forwards for favour of early remarks
a Copy of Sl 1.

From the same office
No 49 of 9-7-19
States with reference to the above that a
reward of Rs 3000/- may be granted to Mr. Stronmeyer e

5 Submitted with reference to paragraph 1 above.
H.H.S. 11-7-19

6 Invited attention is invited to Paragraph
A 64 and 65 (1st sentence) of notes in
file 41 of 17-18 put up herewith.

Mr Stronmeyer speaks of the
area he would have got from Messrs
John Taylor Sons if Govt had not
stepped in. Mr Stronmeyer cannot
have been sure of conveying any
rights to the Co't to prospect over the
blocks because it was open to
Government to refuse his appln
for graphite. There is therefore

Is there any correspondence here showing what took place between the Director Geol. & Mr S. in the matter following the deposit of Rs 1000?

Submitted
12/7
There is no correspondence here relating to the proposal noted above
H.H.
14-7-19

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no good reason & Mr. Smeeth that Govt [redacted] deserved [redacted] gratuity for the work he was [redacted] to make of this "discovery".

8 But Govt have spoken of "compensation previously and as Dr. Smeeth says there is [redacted] to be some criticism of any entire refusal to grant Mr S. some compensation

9 Dr Smeeth proposes Rs 3000/-
Perhaps Rs 1000/- or 1500/- might do as well seeing that what is being paid is not strictly compensation for what he lost through the action but a reward or bonus for the discovery (Vide Para 6 of Note)

Orders

Chief Secy
2nd member

Secy 17/7/19

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Secy
18/7

11 Mr. Shirmeyer came & saw me before he submitted his representation to Govt & told me what he proposes to do. I then discussed the matter with Dr. Smeeth. To my mind it seems that a case for some compensation has been made out. This may not be the strictly legal view but [redacted]

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22.7.19

Dewan

DEWAN'S OFFICE.
Recd. on JUL 24 1919
Reg. No. 601.

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I think may, perhaps, be considered in council. Please circulate

25.7.19

Circulate

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CS 27/7/19

I do not think that Mr Thomas has a good case in support of his claim of an enhancement made by him. He has taken up his work [redacted] the department

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as reasonably entitled to assume ...
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in his favour for about 2½ years, and ...
the Corporation has nothing ...
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money over it. In this circumstance ...
do not see that any claim ... Govt ...
for compensation ... making some ...
... other ... persons or company in which ...
... Govt ...
as the case may be. Many years ... Govt ...
Long term ... over 20 years taken ... Govt ...
in order about the working the concern ...
themselves or leasing it in the usual manner ...
in which we now keep all the timber ...
a small compensation not exceeding ...
Rs 1000/- may perhaps be given ...
a matter ...

Sd
20/2/19

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... Govt ... in which ... case ...
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his[?] believed the fund and Mr. [illegible] did so [illegible] bona fide belief that he would be comp[illegible] the usual course or that the licence would be renewed, then I think his claim stands upon some solid foundation & it cannot be said that it will stand in a Court of Law, [though it might be urged against him that it was his duty to stipulate for compensation before he complied with the request of the Durbar] the refusing [illegible] was given by the Durbar of [illegible] not adopting the usual course in the matter of the licenses. I would therefore suggest an amicable settlement of the matter. If necessary the Govt Advocate may be consulted.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the 800th *Meeting of the Council of* [redacted]
Highness the Maharaja, held at Bangalore on the 7th August 19[redacted]

16 S. Subject.--Clause xii of the Schedule.

Claim of Mr. Louis Stremayer for compensation [redacted] connection with the discovery of graphite in the Bowringpet Taluk.

Opinion of the Council.

A sum of Rs.2,000 may be offered to Mr. Str[redacted] as compensation for the discovery which he comm[redacted] to the Department.

M. K. Kantaraj Urs,
Dewan of Mysore.

"EXTRACT'

C Balasundaram
Chief Secretary to Government.

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To H. S. N. Submitted

Dewan

DEWAN'S OFFICE.
Recd. on AUG 16 1919
Reg. No. 1121

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FINAL NOTE BY THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

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SUBJECT: Claim of Mr. Louis Stromeyer for compensation in connection with the discovery by him of graphite Deposits in Bowringpet Taluk.

Mr. Louis Stromeyer held a prospecting license (NO.426) for gold in Bowringpet Taluk. An application for a renewal of this license was rejected in February 1917.

2. A little before the order rejecting the application was issued, Mr. Stromeyer applied for the inclusion of graphite in the license, as he had discovered some graphite also in the area covered by that license. As the application for the renewal of the license for gold was rejected, Mr. Stromeyer was advised to apply, separately, for a prospecting license for graphite over the area if he so desired. He applied for the license, accordingly, in August 1917.

3. Before the disposal of this application, however, Government ordered, in their Order No.10491/I & C dated 26th June 1917, that these graphite deposits might be investigated departmentally, and, by Government order, No.4340-3 dated 28th September 1917, a sum of Rs.1,500/- was also placed at the disposal of the Director of Geology for the purpose. The Director of Geology was informed at the time that, if Mr. Stromeyer had made a discovery of importance, he might be suitably compensated.

4. The work done by the department was stated at first to have given satisfactory results and it was reported that it was being continued; and the Director, therefore, proposed that the application of Mr. Stromeyer to prospect for graphite might be rejected. The application was accordingly rejected first in January 1919. But the further work carried on by the department showed that the deposit was practically valueless and, so, as recommended by the Director, a license was offered to Mr. Stromeyer in March 1919.

5. Mr. Stromeyer, in his letter of 16th June 1919, states that, as the grant of his application was deferred for a considerably long time (from August 1917 to January 1919) and as the deposit had been worked by the Geological Department in the meanwhile and given up as a failure from a commercial point of view, and as capital could not be attracted to the work in these circumstances, he has been deprived by Government of a chance of getting a sum of Rs.4,500/-, which Messrs John Taylor and Sons had promised to give him for working the block under an agreement which he had entered into with them, and requests that he might be given the said sum of Rs.4,500/- in compensation for the loss thus sustained by him.

6. The Director, Department of Mines & Geology, who was consulted in the matter, states that a sum of Rs.3,000/- may be paid to Mr. Stromeyer as reward for the discovery, in order to assist him to carry out some further trials and arrange for further work.

7. When the papers came up b n 21st July 1919 I recorded the following minute:-

> "Mr. Stromeyer came and saw me before he submitted his representation to the Dewan and told me what he proposed to do. I then discussed the matter with Dr. Smeeth. To my mind, it seems that a case for some compensation has been made out. This may not be the strictly legal view, but, I do think that it is an equitable one. Government obtained information of the find, deferred issue of prospecting license, tried the block themselves, found the results not encouraging, and then gave it up. All this took 1 1/2 years, moreover, to get through. The recommendation made by Dr. Smeeth is, I think, quite a fair one, but, if it is considered that the sum suggested is a little large, it may be cut down to Rs.2,500/-. I am of opinion that it is best to pay the compensation and to close this case at this stage at least."

8. The question was considered in Council and they are of opinion that a sum of Rs.2,000/- may be offered to Mr. Stromeyer as compensation for the discovery which he communicated to the Department. The recommendation of the

the Council may be graciously approved.

P Rajagopalachari
15.8.19

15th August 1919. MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

Submitted to His Highness.

I submit herewith a Final Note by the...First.....

Member of Council on the subject of...the claim of Mr. Louis Stromeyer for compensation in connection with the discovery by him of graphite deposits in Bowringpet Taluk, *for His Highness' gracious approval.*

19th/Aug. 1919

Dewan.

Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja

Subject.

Proposal to pay a sum of Rs.2,0 to Mr.Louis Stromeyer for discovering graphite deposits in Bowringpet Taluk.

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23 ***Order.***

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31. All urgent or confidential files returned with His Highness' orders may, in the absence of instructions or indications to the contrary, be ordinarily circulated to the Members of Council for perusal after the issue of orders.

33. The Secretaries concerned should see that orders in the cases referred to above are issued at once and that the files are returned immediately after to the Chief Secretary for circulation to the Members.

34. In all other cases, the files will first be circulated to the Members of Council at headquarters and then sent to the Secretariat concerned for the issue of orders.

Circulated to the Members of Council for perusal of (*) His Highness' orders before issue of orders. *vide* Rules 31, 33 and 34 of the Subsidiary Rules for the conduct of business of Council (Manual of Council Rules and Procedure).

C. Balasundaram
Chief Secretary to Govt. 25/8/19

Through the Secretary to Government,

....Department.

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FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL Seen. Further orders may be taken immediately 26.8.19.

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SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL 26/8

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26.8.19
~~TEMP~~ORARY MEMBER OF COUNCIL. 27/8

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To the Asst Secy. Civil Branch for a draft.
34/8/19

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Asst Sankaraiya
Please draft
4.8.19

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	31 Submitted with two drafts.
	1-9-19 32 Please type the draft [illegible]
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	33 Draft may be approved
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1703-126 4-9-19	First Member)
	34 Don't approved
	5.9.19
	35 Issue
	6/9
4	To
	the Director Depts. of Mines & Geol.
	G. 6117 of 9.9.19.
	States that a sum of Rs 2000 may be given to Mr Stromeyer with a view to encourage prospectors to search for & disclose minerals &c.
	G. 6118 of 9.9.19.
	Forwards a copy of 4 to the Comptroller for [illegible]

The file no 100-[illegible] was received 1-9-19, was returned to Geol Dept on 8-9-19

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5	From The Director of Mines & Geology No 792 A 13-9-19 States that the orders of Govt re the payment of bonus to Mr. Mooney in connection with his discovery of graphite have been communicated to him & requests for reasons given that the sum of Rs 2000/- may be met from the grants of the Industries & Commerce Committee of the Economic Conference Submitted. The Secretary, Economic Conference may, if approved, be consulted. 16-9-19
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	39 Submitted into a draft 27-9-19
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6	To The Secretary, Economic Conference No C.A. 287 of 11-10-19. Requests to be informed whether the sum of Rs 2000/- referred to in Sl no 5 may be met from the grants of the Industries & Commerce Committee of the Economic Conference

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Serial No. 7

From the Director, Dept of Geology
No 907 dt 27-9-19
Forwards a bill for Rs 2000/- received from Mr. Stoneyer on account of the bones awarded to him & requests that arrangement may be made for the payment of the amount.

4| The Director has suggested that the amount in question may be paid out of the sanctioned grants of the I & C committee of Economic Conference. The Secretary, E. conference has been requested to state whether the expenditure may be so met. A draft sanctioning the payment of the amount subject to adjustment later is submitted for orders as to whether the Leg. E & A may be consulted ~~as~~ regarding the source

AAS 12-10-19

4 12/10/19 Sec Govt may be consulted & his orders Approved

Chief Secy

Ch Secy
4/Member
Govt Secy E & A

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4 This does not seem to be

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a legitimate charge on the Dfc Dept the Ec Conference. If the discovery had resulted in commercial results the royalty so would have been credited to the Govt of India & the expenditure should be similarly borne by the Dept that benefits directly from the investigation. It is true that the peptile would have been put to commercial uses if it was found to be of good quality but this would have only been an indirect result. There is no allotment under the Ec Conference to meet such charges. If however it is decided that the investigations were undertaken with a view to find raw materials for starting any specific industry the amount may be found from the Ind Dept fund but if it is to be looked upon as all such charges the fund will rapidly disappear

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6.11.19

The Fin Secy may be consulted. It is immaterial to which head the debit is made; the Expenditure has to be met from State funds. I shd like the bills passed for payment without any further delay pending intimation of correct debit head. This matter has lung fire too long & in all decency it must be settled without any further quibbling.

Rees
8.11.19
Imp 8/11

(Fin Secy)

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Enquire next from the Grant of Rs 95400 under 28 DC iv (6) of the Experimental Instructions.

Imp 14.11.19

Chief Secy

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Submitted with draft modified accdg to 14/11/19 for approval

Imp 15/11

32 28-451
15.11.19

First Member)

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Draft approved

49 Please issue immediately

Rees
15.12.19.

Done
Imp 2

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General Revenue Secretariat.

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8	To The Director Dept: of Geol " Comptroller to Govt. " Secy: & Co: Conf " Chief Inspector of Mines C 13201 – 4 of 8.12.19 Requests the Comptroller to hide the arrangements for payment of the amount.

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WD A 1736—GPB—60,000—20-8-18—E.

CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE
IV
MINOR Depts.
19 JUN 1919

Bangalore
P.O.

K. G. Field

June 16. 1919.

DIARY NO. 21078

MINISTER'S OFFICE
No 16075

To
His Highness, the Maharajah
of Mysore, Government.
Bangalore.

Dear Sir,

It is now close on 2½ years, since I made the discovery of graphite in the Kolar district of this State. And a few days ago His Highness has been pleased to offer me a prospecting license over ½ sq mile including the site of my discovery

Naturally I accept this license, the fees for which I have already paid 2½ years ago, and beg to thank His Highness for the same

It is quite possible I may be able not only, to develope the find, but be able to devise means for operating the

graphite from the naturally formed impurities; considering I have had considerable experience in this respect in Travancore many years back.

Unfortunately your Geological right, having undertook to work it during the 2½ years, deferred granting my application for a prospecting license made 2½ years ago on its discovery. And more than this having given it up as a failure from a commercial point of view, in taking the license up now, it stands to reason Capital will not look at the proposition unless I am able to shew the people who are likely to finance me, that though in the past it has been a failure my abilities will be able to convert it into a successful proposition and lasting enterprise.

So far therefore I have not benefited in the least by discovering graphite in the Mysore State, on the contrary have been the loser in shewing the

Government the find.

I therefore appeal to you, that I should be duly compensated, as your officiating Director, Mr. Jaya Ram, assured me I would be in the event of government taking my find over for their own use in preference to issuing me a license.

This was distinctly stated to me personally when I motored into Bangalore purposely to shew the lake Deveau a sample of the find a few days after the discovery was made.

I had nothing to fear in this respect so I entered into an agreement with Messrs. John Taylor & Sons, 6 Queen Street place London, that they could take over the proposition for Rs 30,000/- or on a basis of a royalty and it was further distinctly stipulated, that if they worked at it for over 3 months I should be paid cash Rs 4500/- and

the option to take over would be renewed.

Copies against this can be supplied if necessary.

A month after the discovery and after I had interviewed the officiating director of the Geological Department that gentleman writes to me the Government wishes me to shew him the place.

I hold this letter.

Naturally I felt I was going to be compensated or a license would then be granted me. It never crossed my mind, that dealing with a responsible Government, it would be dangerous to shew the site of the discovery on land over which I had no prospecting rights. So I immediately shewed him the site.

Had I known -- unexpected events would turn out as they have, as a

prudent man I certainly would not have shewn any thing.

I ask the question "Why should I shew the Government the find if it was at all questionable about my gaining any thing".

I therefore claim that I should receive the very least I would have undoubtedly received from Messrs. John Taylor & Sons namely, the Rs 4500/-, considering the Geological Department of this State worked it for many months more than the 3 months as stipulated with Messrs. John Taylor & Sons.

Also I feel that I should receive this compensation, for I claim to be a Mysorean with close on 30 years connection with this State. Further I am a landholder of Rs 15/- conclusion having made this country and this

(Mysore [redacted]

I also feel having made other discoveries for the Mysore State and assisted the Geological Department with such and my knowledge, even so far back as Mr. Bruce-Foote's time, that I deserve to be treated magnanamously; not only as my due but as an inducement and encouragement to myself and other prospectors to help to discover mineral wealth in this Mysore State

I am Dear Sir

Yours faithfully

[redacted]

G. R. S. Vl—G/32]

SUBJECT.....

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Diary No. of letter replied to.....

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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Date of issue 23/6/19

Signed by [illegible]

Section Geol
File No. 120-18,
Serial No. 2

No. 4726 399 (L)

To The Director, Dept of Mines & Geology

Sir,

I am directed to forward for favour of remarks, a copy of letter dt 16-6 June 1919 received from Mr Louis Klein requesting that he may be granted a compensation of Rs 4500/- for havoc done to his geological dept his graphite deposit discovered by him on the Ranchigalla Estate and for not granting earlier the license applied for by him.

The favour of a very early reply is requested.

Yours obedt Servt

Forwarded

16.6-19

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DIARY NO

CHIEF SECRETARIAT. IV MINOR Depts. 10 JUL 1919

No. 4 Dated Bangalore, 9th July 1919.

Geol 120-18-3

From

Dr. W. F. Smeeth, M.A.,D.Sc.,&c.,
Director,
Department of Mines & Geology

To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esquire, B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No.G.28399, dated 23rd June 1919, forwarding a claim from Mr. Louis Stromeyer for a compensation of Rs.4500 in connection with his discovery of graphite in the Bowringpet Taluk, I have the honour to refer you to the Note accompanying my letter No.2020, dated 29th January 1919, in which the various aspects of the case have been discussed.

2. It must be conceded that Mr. Stromeyer as a practical prospector of long standing in Mysore has suffered very considerable disappointment over this matter and that his claim for compensation deserves consideration.

3. The time for any definite arrangement about terms is of course past and any mutual agreement would have been possible only before Government decided to take over and exploit Mr. Stromeyer's discovery. It is desirable however to consider Mr. Stromeyer's claim on its merits and on general principles of policy.

4. In my opinion Mr. Stromeyer is fairly entitled to some compensation for having been deprived of a chance of making some money out of his discovery.

5. He states that Messrs. John Taylor & Sons were prepared to give him Rs.4500 for an option over the find provided such option continued for more than three months.

6. Government have forcibly exercised such an option for considerably more than 3 months and have decided that the find is not worth further expenditure and may be handed over to Mr. Stromeyer to develop. The decision of the Department that the find is not worth working prejudices Mr. Stromeyer's chance of getting it taken up and getting funds for further development. Such prejudice was non-existed before Government ordered the deposit to be investigated and Mr. Stromeyer's chance of doing a deal has suffered accordingly.

7. We need not go into the question of the actual rewards which Mr. Stromeyer hoped to obtain from the arrangement which is stated to have been made with Messrs. John Taylor & Sons, for on the one hand there is the possibility that Messrs. John Taylor & Sons might have decided, within 3 months, that the find was not sufficiently attractive - in which case it does not seem that Mr. Stromeyer would have received anything - and on the other hand there is the possibility that the find may still prove to be of value in which case Mr. Stromeyer may benefit eventually.

8. Government may, I think, take the view that it would be undesirable to follow any course which would discourage competent prospectors from working in Mysore and that on the other hand it would be sound policy to encourage such men to search for minerals and to disclose their whereabouts in the confident expectation the Government would welcome such disclosures and treat the discoveries fairly & liberally.

9. In the present case the find of graphite has not proved, so far, to be of importance, but apparently it was sufficiently attractive to Government to cause them to take it over and investigate it and Mr. Stromeyer should be rewarded for having given the opportunity of doing so as the result of his personal work.

10. I suggest that Mr. Stromeyer may be informed that Government do not recognize any specific claim with respect to the discovery of graphitic material made by him at Ganacharpur, that 'the investigation of the deposit has failed, so far, to reveal any material of value and the question of a suitable compensation for the discovery of a valuable mineral deposit does not arise and that in spite of the poor results obtained and with a view to encourage prospectors to search for and disclose minerals which may prove worthy of attention, Government are prepared to grant Mr. Stromeyer a reward or bonus of Rs.3000/- in respect of the discovery in question in hopes that it will assist him in carry out some further trials or to make arrangements for further work.

11. If Mr. Stromeyer decides to accept this offer it must be on the distinct understanding that Government will be given full information as to any results of value which may be obtained.

12. With regard to the crude graphite already excavated and stacked, Mr. Stromeyer may be informed that Government retain the right to remove this for their own purposes, at any time, should they deem it desirable to do so, but that he will not be debarred from utilizing the same for purposes of experiment or sale on payment of royalty on the amounts removed or sold.

13. The royalty on any graphite removed from the block will be at the rate of 5 % of the sale value on the block of the crude graphite or any finished product prepared therefrom subject to a minimum charge of Rs.2/- per ton of crude graphite,

used or disposed of. Government to have the right of preemption are also any graphite obtained from the block.

14. I think these suggestions would meet the case and dispose of any impression that Government wish to take advantage of the work of prospectors without due consideration for their work and expenditure.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H. Lowe Th.

Director,

Department of Mines & Geology.

C.N.

To

The Director, Department of Mine
& Geology, Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to correspondenc ending with your letter, No.49 dated 9th July 1919, in regard to the claim put forward by Mr. Louis Stromeyer for a sum or Rs. 4500/- in connection with his discover of graphite in the Bowringpet Taluk, I am directed to state that, as Mr. Stromeyer gave an opportunity to the Dept to investigate the graphite deposit discovered by him, Government in spite of the fact that the graphite deposit has not proved so far to be of importance are pleased to grant a sum of Rs. 2000/- to him with a view to encourage prospectors to search for disclose minerals which may prove worthy of attention. This may be communicated to Mr. Stromeyer.

The source from which the expenditure can be met, may be pointed out to the Comptroller.

I am also to state that, as recommended by you, Mr. Stromeyer may be informed (1) that he should furnish Government wit full information as regards any results of value that may be obtained; (2) that Government retain the right to remove for their own purposes, should they deem it desirable to do so, the quantities of crude graphite already excavated and stacked on the blocks but that he will not be debarred from utilizing the same for purposes of experiment or sale on payment of

Royalty on the quantities removed or sold; (3) that the royalty on any graphite removed from the block will be at the rate of 5% on the sale value on the block of the crude graphite or any finished product prepared therefrom subject to a minimum charge of Rs.2/- per ton of crude graphite used or disposed of and (4) that Government ~~should have~~ retain the right of preemption of any graphite obtained from the block.

5.9.19

I have etc.,

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Chief Secretary to Govt.

Memo. No. 5618 Dated 9/9

A copy of the above is forwarded with compliments to the Comptroller to Government for information.

By Order,

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Chief Secretary to Govt.

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No. 792

BANGALORE, 12th September 1919.

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Geol 120-8-3

FROM

DR. W. F. SMEETH, M.A., D.Sc., A.R.S.M., etc.,
Director, Department of Mines and Geology,
Mysore State.

To

C.S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.G.6117/Geol.120-18-4, dated 9th September 1919, regarding Mr. Louis Stromeyer's claim for bonus in connection with his discovery of graphite in the Bowringpet Taluk, and to state that the orders contained therein have been duly communicated to the party.

2. With regard to the source from which the sum of Rs.2000/- sanctioned for payment to Mr. Louis Stromeyer can be met, I regret my inability to point out any item in the budget of this Department as only our absolute requirements have been provided for in the budget and there is no item from which any savings can be anticipated. The investigation in respect of the graphite deposit in question having been carried out at the instance of the Government in the Departments of Education and Agriculture (vide Government Order No. 7195/I & C. 100-16-6, dated 5th March 1917,) it would appear reasonable that the Secretary to Government in these Departments may be requested to find funds out of the budget of the Industries and

Commerce Committee of the Mysore Economic Conference.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Director,

Department of Mines and Geology.

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Section Gsec
File No. 120-8
Serial No. 6

No. C.G 287

Date of issue.....11-10-19.....

Signed by.....Mr. M. V. Iyengar.....

To The Secretary to the Mysore Economic Conference.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of letter no 792 dated 13th September 1919 from the Director, Dept of Mines & Geology in regard to the payment of a sum of Rs 2000/- ~~sanctioned~~ to Mr. Louis Stroneyer in connection with his discovery of graphite in the Bangarpet Taluk and to request to be informed whether the sum of Rs 2000/- in question maybe met out of the ~~sanctioned~~ grants of the Industries & Commerce section of the Economic Conference. The favour of

P.T.O. over.

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DIARY NO. 6542

No. 907/Mis. Dated Bangalore 27. September 19.

From

B. Jayaram, Esquire, F.G.S.,
Director,
Mysore Geological Department.

GEN. & REV. SECTN. 29 SEP 1919

FILE Gol 120-18

To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esquire, B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of His
Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Sir,

SECRETARIAT IV MINOR Depts. 29 SEP 1919

In continuation of this office letter No.792, dated 12th/13th September 1919, I have the honour to forward herewith a bill received from Mr. Louis Stromeyer for the sum of Rs.2000/- being the bonus awarded to him in connection with his discovery of graphite in the Bowringpet Taluk and to request that the same may kindly be transferred to the Comptoller with instructions to pay the amount under a Cheque on the National Bank of India.Ld.. in favour of Mr. Louis Stromeyer.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

B. Jayaram
Director,
Mysore Geological Department.

C.N.

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General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 8/12/19

Signed by H C Mv Lyle

Section Geol
File No. 120-18
Serial No. 8

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Read— Letter no G 6117 / Geol 120-18-4 dated 9th September 1919 from the Chief Secretary to Govt to the Director, Dept of Mines & Geology stating that, as Mr. Stromeyer gave an opportunity to the Govt to investigate the graphite deposit discovered by him, a sum of Rs 2000/- be granted to him with a view to encourage prospectors to search for & disclose minerals which may prove worthy of attention.

~~Order Thereon No.~~

2. Letter no 907 dated 27th September 1919 from the Director, Dept of Geology forwarding a bill for Rs 2000 received from Mr. Louis Stromeyer, amount of the sum awarded to him

May this be

i Printed ?

ii treated as a standing order ?

iii published in the Gazette, English Part ?

iv translated ?

v placed at the disposal of the press ?

vi published in the Gazette, Kannada Part ?

~~in line~~ ~~may be~~ asked to ~~me~~ confidly to arrange requesting ~~and arrangement may be~~ ~~make~~ for ~~the~~ payment of ~~the~~ amount ~~order~~ by means of a cheque on ~~the~~ National Bank of India Ltd in favour of Mr. Louis Strangeyer.

Order no G 13201-4

~~The~~ confidly is requested to arrange for ~~the~~ payment of ~~the~~ amount ~~as an advance subject to adjustment due on~~ in the manner indicated. ~~The charge~~ will be met from the ~~Head of the Department~~ provision under 28-32 C in the estimate for Experimental Industries

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Rec'd 18/10/19

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5.12.19

To ~~The Director~~, Dept of Geology
The confidly to Govt
The Secretary, Economic conference
The Chief Inspector of Mines in Mysore
Copy to ~~the~~ financial asstt.

List of enclosures.
One bill.

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Proceedings of the Government of His Highness
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R e a d:-

Letter No.G.6117/Geol 120-18-4 dated 9th September 191 from the Chief Secretary to Government to the Director, Departme of Mines and Geology stating that, as Mr. Stremeyer gave an -- opportunity to the Department to investigate the graphite deposit discovered by him, a sum of Rs.2000/- may be granted to him with a view to encourage prospectors to search for and disclose minera which may prove worthy of attention.

2. Letter No.907 dated 27th September 1919 from the Director, Department of Mines and Geology forwarding a bill for Rs.2000/- received from Mr. Louis Stremeyer on account of the - bonus awarded to him and requesting that instruction may be issue to the Comptroller to arrange for the payment of the amount by means of a cheque on the National Bank of India Limited in favour of Mr. Louis Stremeyer.

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O r d e r No. G/3201-4/Geol 120-18-8

Dated, Bangalore, the 8 December 1919.

The Comptroller is requested to arrange for the payment of the amount in the manner indicated. The charge will be met from the provision under 28,I & C(IV)(6)other experimental Industries.

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for Chief Secretary to Government

To

The Director, Department of Mines and Geology.
The Comptroller to Government.
The Secretary, Economic Conference.
The Chief Inspector of Mines in Mysore.

copy to the Financial Secretariat